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IN THE CLAIMS:

The following amendment is respectfully requested to be entered.

2. (Amended) A device comprising a sliding member and a fixed member, wherein the sliding member is indicative of the wound's healing phase condition and the fixed member is indicative of the wound's moisture condition.

REMARKS

Claims 1-11 are pending in the application with claims 1, 3-11 being allowable. Claim 2 has been amended to be in independent form to overcome the Examiner's §112 rejection. Support for this amendment may be found, for example, on page 9, lines 21-27 of the specification. The foregoing is believed to place claim 2 in condition for allowance and such is earnestly requested.

Regarding the Examiner's position concerning the "informal" nature the color drawings, please note that Applicant had previously submitted on October 26, 1999 a "Petition for Acceptance of Color Drawings". However, Applicant has not received any communication from the USPTO concerning this. Please advise of what further steps, if any, Applicant needs to take for acceptance of said drawings.

Based on the foregoing, applicants believe the application is now in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and early notice of allowance are earnestly solicited. If any

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questions arise which can be disposed through interview, the Examiner is encouraged to contact

Applicants' attorney at the telephone number listed below.

Please charge any fees which may be required for this submission to Johnson & Johnson

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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

In the claims:

Claim 2 has been amended as follows:

2. (Amended) ~~The device of claim 1,~~ A device comprising a sliding member and a fixed member, wherein the sliding member is indicative of the wound's healing phase condition and the fixed member is indicative of the wound's moisture condition.